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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES

1. IN OUR CONTINUING REVIEW OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE AMBASSADOR, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A PARTICULARLY WEAK POINT IN THE SECURITY FOR THE AMBASSADOR IS THE LOCATION OF THE COMPOUND TENNIS COURTS. THE TENNIS COURTS ARE LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN PERIMETER OF THE COMPOUND. THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE, AS WELL AS THE DCM, ARE AVID TENNIS PLAYERS AND ARE FREQUENTLY PLAYING AT SET TIMES. THE WEST SIDE COURT IS ABUTTED BY TWO SMALL APARTMENT HOUSES WHICH OVERLOOK COURT. THE NORTH SIDE OF COURT IS ON A NARROW STREET AND ACROSS STREET ARE BUILDINGS WHICH OVERLOOK COURT.
 2. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF THE COURT IS POSSIBLE FROM MANY POINTS, AND THAT ACCESS TO THE COURT FROM OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND IS POSSIBLE VIA THE ADJOINING APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND BACKYARDS OR OVER THE WALL FROM THE STREET, A REAL THREAT DOES EXIST.
 3. WE PROPOSE BUILDING ANOTHER CLAY TENNIS COURT IN THE AREA JUST WEST OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON THE EASTEREN END OF THE MORE NORTHERLY FIELD IN THE CENTER OF THE COMPOUND. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ALLOT AN ESTIMATED \$4,000 NEEDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING SCREENS (FOUR SIDES) NET, POLES AND TAPES. EMBASSY PROCEEDING ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO
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OBTAIN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TENNIS COURT, AND INFO
IN FORMAT PRESCRIBED 6 FAM 730 WILL BE SUBMITTED SOON AS POS-
SIBLE. ANY UNEXPENDED PART OF ALLOTMENT THIS PROJECT WOULD
BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY.
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